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PESTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the loss of agricultural produce caused due to the use of pests during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to strengthen and modernise the pests management system in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): It is estimated that crop losses due to pests including diseases, rodents and weeds generally range between 10 to 30% every year depending on climatic and environmental conditions. State-wise information on crop losses due to pests is not maintained by the Central Government.

(b)&(c): Government of India has adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as the main strategy for plant protection. Government has established 31 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres in 28 States and one Union Territory under the scheme "Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India" to impart training to farmers in IPM by organizing Farmers Field Schools (FFSs). The mandate of these Centres is for pest/disease monitoring, production, release and conservation of bio-control agents and human resource development in IPM by imparting training to agriculture/ horticulture extension officers and farmers at grass root level.

Government of India also provides grants-in-aid to States/UTs/NGOs for setting up of production facilities of biocontrol agents.